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FEATHER IN LOWNDES COUNTY'S CAP.

It is with overwhelming pride that the Columbus Commercial chronicles the fact that Lowndes county is emerging from a period of blindness. The truth has begun to have effect. Instead of Bilbo getting a majority in this county, as many of his followers believed, Reilly led the ticket.

The Commercial feels justly proud of Caledonia for the support given to defeat Bilbo. It has been predicted by many that Bilbo would get practically every vote in the precinct, but a majority of Caledonians realizing that he was not the man for governor of Mississippi, threw their efforts against him.

YOUR WORD.

"I give you my word."

No doubt you frequently use the sentence printed above. Why not? It's a good sentence and it slips off the tongue easily.

Too easily!

For did you ever stop to consider the contract you are making when you say it.

You are promising to do something and you are backing that promise with your word—your honor (for that is what the word stands for.)

And then the person to whom you have said it take over the abyss of uncertainty that confronts them.

If your "word" fails them—if you don't make good on your promise—then they in turn fall down—and often are lost.

The next time you say "I give you my word" stop and consider first just what you are saying. Whether you can keep your promise; whether you are willing to keep your promise.

Don't let someone take your "word" and then have it fail them at the crucial moment.—Ex.

U. S. SHOULD LOOK AFTER INTERESTS.

It is reported that the British government will declare cotton contraband, and that she will offer compensation to planters and make new arrangements with neutral countries of Europe.

The authorities in this country should not be satisfied with England dictating prices on our cotton, and the sooner the question has been settled the better it will be for us.

Prospects for a good cotton crop are encouraging, and the prosperity of the South this fall depends largely upon the price of cotton.

MAKING THE BEST OF THINGS.

There is a great deal said and written about making the best of things. But there is a very great difference in making the best of things and putting up with the worst of things, very few things are so bad that they cannot be bettered, and there is no especial merit in putting up with a thing that is bad.

Making the best of a thing is by no means sitting idly and by letting bad become worse.

Socrates thought that if all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence everyone must take a portion, each would prefer to take back his own troubles, rather than to be burdened with the troubles of another, but bearing our own legitimate burdens bravely, and lugging around a worn-out theory, heavy with rust, are two different things entirely. Anybody would rather carry a shining sword than one that is tarnished from neglect, it is a brave thing to bear a burden brightly. But it is a finer thing to make a burden a blessing.

Many a man "puts up with things," as they are instead of "making the best of things." Few of us after all, live up to our possibilities. If we really did make the best of things, what a wonderful world it would be.—Pensacola Journal.

RURAL MAIL BY AUTO.

The familiar horse and cart of the rural mailman is gradually giving way to the fleet automobile. The postoffice department has ordered the new service to begin next week. Routes selected in some half dozen states will see the first machines.

Great as rural mail delivery is, it is merely in its infancy so far as its possibility of service is concerned. Such a project is certain to grow. What rural delivery may be a dozen or more years no prophet could foretell.

One aspect of the new venture has not been given the prominence it deserves. This is its relation to the movement for better highways. Whether announced definitely or not, it is safe to say that this experimental auto delivery service will be installed only on improved thoroughfares. From the beginning rural delivery has been a strong influence in favor of better country roads, and the point will be emphasized anew when motor cars threaten to displace horse drawn vehicles.

If, for instance, a dweller on a paved thoroughfare gets his mail each day at 9 o'clock while an acquaintance of his a few miles away dwelling on an unimproved dirt road never gets his before one in the afternoon, the man on the dirt road will soon inquire the reason why. And if, as is probable, the difference lies in the character of the highway, he is pretty certain to become a good road advocate instantaneously.

Automobile delivery of rural mail should mean better economy, as well as better service to the public. It is particularly opportune because of the widening utility of the parcel post. It would not have been possible, however, a dozen years ago, even assuming that motor car development had then reached the point of adaptability to the service. For auto delivery presupposes excellent highways. And in the presupposition perhaps lies one of the greatest possibilities of the new service.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Columbus people all should do in their power to have improved roads from here to the State line to connect with the new road to Vernon, Ala.

Mr. Bryan's Desk.

We cannot say we like the tone of the Omaha World-Herald's comments on Mr. Bryan's action in carrying off with him as a souvenir the desk he used while he was Secretary of State. It appears to be friendly, respectful, and sympathetic, but there is something about it, we hardly know what, which jars on our feelings. It is hard to see why The World-Herald should commiserate Mr. Bryan on the financial sacrifice he made to become Secretary of State, a sacrifice barely compensated, if at all, by his Chautauque earnings and his opportunities to find places in the Federal service for a son, a son-in-law and two other relatives. It seems sympathetic, but why should the World-Herald drag in an irrelevant topic that seems to suggest that Mr. Bryan regarded the historic desk as part payment?

Nor should Senator Hitchcock's paper harp on the value of the desk and speculate on what "such a collector as Pierpont Morgan might pay for it." The cash value of the desk could never have entered Mr. Bryan's mind; that mind is above such considerations of doubloons and shekels. The desk had been in the State Department for nearly fifty years and had been used by such Secretaries as Seward, Fish, Evarts, Blaine, Bayard, Olney, Sherman, Hay and Root; but The World-Herald could have found some other way of congratulating Mr. Bryan on his acquisition than by drawing attention to this and telling how the desk will "speak eloquently" to those who will finally receive the memento from Mr. Bryan's hands "of the modesty, patience, industry, learning, dignity and unselfishness with which a long line of America's most distinguished statesmen served their country." This line of statesmen, which began with Seward and ended with Knox, certainly did display these particular virtues; but why not pick out some other virtue common to them and to the desk's present owner? It would have been easy, since all men have at least one or two traits in common, but The World-Herald seems almost to have made its choice of virtues in a malicious manner.—New York Times.

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